

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Support for the amendment to Claim 1 is found in the claim as previously presented, in Table 2-1 at specification page 25, first entry, and in paragraphs [0038] - [0050] at specification pages 15-20 describing components (C), (D) and (E). New Claims 19-26 are supported by amended Claim 1. No new matter has been entered.

The above amendments narrow the claims to a preferred embodiment herein that is both free of the prior art and which shows unexpected results. In particular, the base oil has been specified as that used in the several inventive Examples (see specification pages 25-29) and the components of the claimed lubricating oil composition have been limited through the use of the transitional term "consisting of." In view of these amendments Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection over Tipton in view of Watts, optionally in view of Conary, has been overcome and that the Examiner's comments concerning the scope of Applicants' showing are no longer applicable.

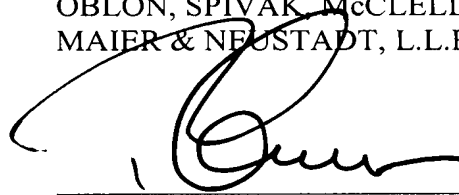
As the Examiner will note, the claims have been narrowed such that the evidence of record herein fully supports the conclusion that the entire scope of lubricating oil compositions described in the pending amended claims provides superior results over anything suggested by even a combination of the references. Accordingly, and in view of the above amendments further limiting the particular components of Applicants' presently claimed base oil (A) and other possible components (including their amounts) and the

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explanation and data provided in the original specification under Declaration, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and the passage of the is case to Issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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